

Docket No. 3620-4006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Yukio YAMAKAWA, ET AL.

Group Art Unit: 1771

Serial No.: 09 595,241

Examiner: Lynda Salvatore

Filed: June 16, 2000

For: NONWOVEN THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER FABRIC ROLL AND METHOD  
AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING SAME

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Independent Claims	1 -	3	0	\$84.00/ \$42.00	\$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims	(If claims added by amendment include Multiple Dependent Claim(s) and there was no Multiple Dependent Claim(s) in application before amendment add \$280.00 to additional fee (\$140.00 for small entity).				\$ 0
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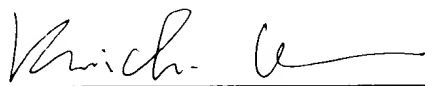
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☐ Small entity status is or has been claimed.  
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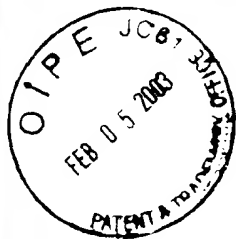
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 6, 2002. A response is due February 6, 2003, therefore this response is timely filed.

**AMENDMENTS**

*In the specification:*

*After the title, on page 1, delete the following paragraph:*

This application claims priority of Japanese patent application  
No. 2000-062755, filed March 7, 2000.

*In the claims:*

*Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:*

1. (amended) A thermoplastic elastomer nonwoven fabric roll made by a process comprising piling and bonding thermoplastic elastomer filaments onto a belt conveyor so as to form a sheet of nonwoven fabric, peeling the sheet of nonwoven fabric thus formed from said belt conveyor with a roller, and winding said sheet of nonwoven fabric around a tube thereby forming a nonwoven fabric roll, characterized in that the tension required to unroll the nonwoven fabric from the nonwoven fabric roll is 0.25 g/cm/basis-weight or less.

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